(घ) सरकार इस प्रतिवेदन पर कब और क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (घ) जी, हां। राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण ने हिमाचल प्रदेश में 3 हवाई अड्डों अर्थात् 7-2-95 को कुल्लू (भुंतर) 3-2-95 को गग्गल और 9 तथा 10-2-95 को शिमला का निरीक्षण किया था। कुल्लू (भुंतर) भुंतर में दुर्गम भू-भाग के कारण इस हवाई अड्डे का उन्नयन करना संभव नहीं है। तथापि, राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की योजना क्षतिग्रस्त चारदीवारी के पुनर्निर्माण और एक बंध के निर्माण की है, जिससे व्यास नदी से भूमि के कटाव को रोका जा सके। यह कार्य 37 लाख रुपये की अनुमानित लागत पर राज्य लोक निर्माण विभाग को दिया गया है।

गग्गल : धावनपथ के 4500 फुट तक विस्तार को व्यवहार्य पाया गया है जिससे इस एवरो प्रकार के विमान के प्रचालन के लिये उपयुक्त बनाया जा सके परन्तु यह राज्य सरकार द्वारा निःशुल्क भूमि उपलब्ध कराने पर निर्भर करेगा।

शिमला : धावनपथ का 4100 फुट तक विस्तार और 200 फुट तक ओवर रन क्षेत्र की व्यवस्था को व्यवहार्य पाया गया है। इन निर्माण कार्यों के लिये अनुमानों की जांच की जा रही है।

Survey for Transport Facilities to Tourists

176. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study regarding the structure of taxi and other transport facilities available in the developed countries for the benefit of tourists;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to encourage the institutionlised air-conditioned taxis and other vehicles;

(c) whether a liberal licensing policy has been formulated for air-condit-oned taxis and other vehicles;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM; (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) Some steps taken to improve tourist transport sector are:

1. To encourage setting up of Rental Car facility under foreign collaboration scheme of the Secretariat of industrial Approvals, Ministry of Industry.

2. Approved Travel Agents, Tour Operators, Tourist Transport Operators and Hoteliers allowed import of air-conditioned cars/coaches at concessional rate of custom duty.

3. To facilitate interstate tourist transport in India tax structure rationalised under the all India permit for tourist transport operators amendment rules 1993.

However, no study has been conducted regarding the structure of taxi and other transport facilities available in the developed countries.

Financial assistance to develop tourism in Gujarat

177. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:

will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted any proposal for financial assistance to develop tourism centres in the State during 1993-94 and 1994-95 so far;

(b) if so, the dtrails thereof, locationwise;

(c) the details of the proposals that have been sanctioned so far;

(d) the details of the proposals that are pending with Government; and

(e) the steps taken by Government for clearance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The State Government of Gujarat submitted seven projects schemes for development of tourism in the State during 1993-94. All the projects|schemes amounting to Rs. 65.76 lakhs have since been sanctioned. The details of the projects|schemes sanctioned locationwise with amount are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the project/scheme	Amout sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Tourist complex at Nalsarovar	19.68
2.	Cafetaria at Porbandar	14.67
3.	Floodlighting of Somnath Temple	17.43
4.	Two units of spirit type land sailing yatch	4.43
5.	Navratri Festival	1.85
6.	Tarnetar Fair	2.69
7.	Publicity support	5.00

During 1994-95 seven projects/schemes have been received from the State Government of Gujarat. Out of these, five proposals have been referred back to the State Government as they were incomplete. One proposal for the construction of a Tourist Lodge at Kuda has been sanctioned for Rs. 14.50 lakhs, Financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 1.69 lakh was sanctioned for organising the Tarnetar Fair.

Life of aircraft

178. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the age of each aircraft that is being flown by private airlines or air taxi operators in the country;

(b) whether Government are satisfied about the air-worthiness and safety of these aircraft;

(c) whether most of these aircraft have been taken on lease from Western airlines which have stopped operating them; and

(d) the number of years each of these aircraft is expected to be in operation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Age of each aircraft flown by Private Airlines and Air Taxi operators are at Annexure. (*See* Appendix 173, annexure No. 5).

(b) All aircraft flying in the country are required to obtain an Airworthiness certificate from the Director General of Civil Aviation.

(c) Out of total number of 64 aircraft operated by private airlines/air taxi operators 26 are taken on lease from foreign agencies. The previous operators had not stopped using these aircrafts.

(d) No life is specified for modern transport aircraft. The aircraft may continue in operation as long as they are airworthy.